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NEED FOR CONSERVATION GREATER AS WAR GOES INTO SLUGGING STAGE



Sixth Annual Show Lives Up To Tradition Minstrels And Melodrama Both Big Hits

October Slogan Winners

We hope the Slogan writers have had as good a time in thinking up their selections, as the local business men who have acted as judges have had in selecting the winning slogans. There were over a hundred snappy and timely slogans entered in the October contest. As usual, three outside business men acted as judges and each man made his own selections independently of the others.

Winner for Marshall Street plant is Mr. A. E. Horsfall of Maintenance Department, winner for Brown Street is Miss Alice Lunney of the Resistor Dept., and winner for Beaver plant is Mrs. Alice Swartzer of the Scheduling Department. The most original slogan was sent in by Mr. Donald Fortini of Marshall Street.

Beaver WAC To Wed

Lieut. Kathleen Bellows Burns, who worked in the Sales Department at Beaver Plant, is one of our first officers to become engaged to a fellow member of the armed forces. Her fiancé is Sgt. Nelson H. Gunther of Rockford, Ill.

Lieut. Burns completed her intermediate officer's training at Oglethorpe, Ga., and is now stationed at Daytona Beach, Fla., awaiting further orders. She met Sgt. Gunther when she was stationed at a port of embarkation at San Francisco, Cal. Sgt. Gunther is stationed with the coast artillery at Fort Miley in San Francisco. No date has been set for the wedding.

Committees Highly Praised For Excellent Organizing And Spirit Of Cooperation

Words frankly fail the *Log* editors as they try to put into print the story of the Annual Christmas and Benefit Fund Revue. In this issue we recount the facts and a few of the high spots. In the next issue we shall publish a number of additional pictures taken by our Staff Photographer, Fred Crosier. The performance was all that had been predicted and much more. It not only lived up to past tradition but showed a further finish and precision which bespoke many hours of painstaking rehearsal down to the last detail. Chorus, soloists, and end men in the Minstrel,—heroine, hero, villain and other parts in the "Mellowdrammer", — all performed in a way to make the evening one long to be remembered.

Laurence Haskins Directs Gay Ninety Melodrama

Opening greetings by Marvin Williams, were followed by Miss Ellen Horsfall, contralto, who sang "The Star Spangled Banner." The first part of the program was a melodrama entitled "Pittsfield Passion" or "Jedediah Jasmine Jailed" which was directed by Laurence Haskins. The cast was composed of Patricia Siciliano, Geraldine Reeves, James Oldham, Arthur Bell, John Heywood, Marvin Williams, Lawrence Y. Madison, Robert Shoemaker, Joseph Macksey and Fred Windover. Those who assisted in the production of the play were William Jette, Charles Fairchild, Louise Bass, Marvin Williams, Sally Barton, William Battersby, Stanley Domin, Wilfred Harris, Alvin Lancto, Reginald Rowett, Roy Trotter, Lawrence Weld and Alexander Petro.

Minstrel Directed By Fred Windover

The second part of the program was the minstrel show directed by Fred B. Windover, who was assisted by Lawrence Y. Madison and Michael Gorman; Miss Dora Tietgens was the accompanist, and Lawrence Madison the interlocutor. The women in the cast wore colorful evening gowns and the men wore dark suits. The end men were Michael Gorman, Ralph Sherman, Oliver Dupree, Edgar Remillard, Kenneth Russell and Gene Pyke.

Builds to Climax in "My Hero" Waltz by Interlocutor Madison

The program opened with chorus singing of "Yankee Doodle Boy" followed by a song, "Friendship" by end man Remillard. A ballad, "My Heart Tells Me," was sung by Helen

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AUTOS, TIRES, PAPER AND OTHER ITEMS WILL SOON REACH THE CRITICAL STAGE

As the war moves into close quarter fighting the home front will be forced to tighten its belt still further. This is inevitable, and it pays to be prepared.

Even though there should come a quick ending to the European war, the Japs must still be driven to unconditional surrender. This will mean continuation of restrictions,—the same need for all-out production and all-out scrimping and saving.

Furthermore, we should not entertain the idea that immediately following Victory the lid can come off. New automobiles, tires and other products will be a long time getting on a peacetime basis. Thousands of smaller plants which supply basic industries will have to be reconverted before the latter can go into full production. Any way you look at it such important products as automobiles, tires, washing machines and many more will scarcely get into unrestricted production and distribution before late 1945.

It's better to be safe than sorry. So let's keep the home front operating efficiently by making everything last as long as we can. A stitch in time saves nine, and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. So be far-sighted. Don't let favorable progress of the war fool you. Have repairs made early!

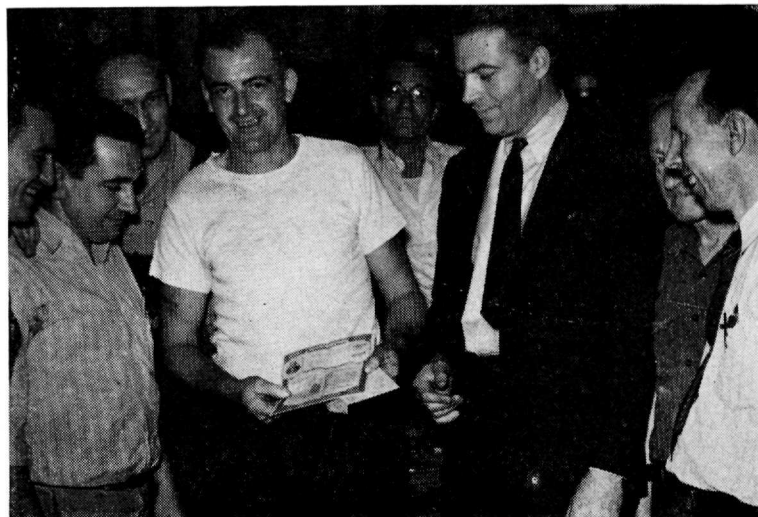
Notice To Poets

With the space and paper restrictions in force and with so much plant news and special events crowding our pages these busy days, it is not always possible to include in the *Log* the many contributions of verse received. The editors appreciate the efforts of all our contributors and have placed the poems and verse on file. At a later date it is planned to print a pamphlet of these verses to be known as the Sprague Log Anthology of "Lilting Lines."

Slogan Winners To Date

Cash awards in the Sprague War Production Slogan Contest to date have gone to the following:

Brown Street — Betty Bourdon, Bernard Stackpoole, Alice Lunney, and Leonore Tarnuzzer; Beaver Street — Margaret Blanchard, Priscilla Windover, L. A. Pike and Alice Swartzer; Marshall Street — Joey Crescimbin, Eldor Brazeau, A. E. Horsfall and Donald Fortini; and Chicago winner was Mr. I. J. Kahan.



Congratulations, as Casimir Peter Walczak receives his \$500 War Bond from Jack Washburn, Personnel Director, amid an admiring group of fellow workers.

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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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Let's Be Thankful

Next time you feel like grumbling about gasoline, butter, meat, fuel, or other shortages, just paste these figures on your mirror and try looking yourself in the eye.

More than 44,000 civilians in Great Britain have been killed and more than 50,000 others injured by bombings. One home out of every five in Britain has been damaged or destroyed by air raids.

No one in Britain can buy more than 25 cents' worth of meat in a week, or more than two eggs a month—when they are available. Sheets, towels, soap, clothing, and many other things have long been rationed and are almost unobtainable.

Two out of every three persons between 14 and 65 work full time in the armed forces, civilian defense, or war industries. Seven of every 10 boys and girls between 14 and 17 are doing war work.

Now what was it you were going to complain about, brother?

LET'S BE THANKFUL

Pfc. Robert Soulia Writes

Treasure Island,
San Francisco

Dear Mother and Dad:

Just a note to let you know where I am and that I am feeling fine. We are now stationed on the grounds of the San Francisco Exposition which was held a few years ago. The Government bought the buildings and are using them. It is beautiful out here—just like the nicest places in Florida. And no fog to speak of this time of year. Also, it isn't too hot.

We can see the Golden Gate Bridge, and all the others too. Are they big! I'll bet they are as long as from Adams to North Adams. We can also see Alcatraz, the Federal prison, on a small island. The island we are on is not very small. It was made by hand—like they do in Florida.

I met a fellow out here that I knew in Quantic. He is from New London, Conn. We went all through Chinatown, ate there, saw the pictures and had a lot of fun. It is run mostly for tourists and white customers, just as the Mohawk Trail or Fort Massachusetts. San Francisco sure is a

big city.

We don't know when we are leaving, but we are lucky and will have a good time going across if we go.

Your loving son,

Robert.

Clifford Vallieres a Paratrooper

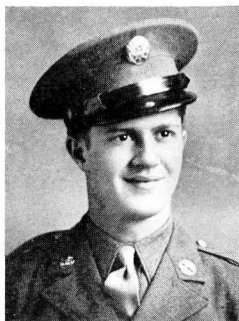
Jessie Vallieres of Brown St. division has received word that her husband Clifford, who is with the Paratroopers, has arrived safely in England. He states that he has received the Sprague Log and enjoys it very much. He is in the best of health, thinks England is a fine country, but misses his friends at home very much. Clifford was formerly in the Ovens Dept. Good luck to you, Cliff.

James Martin On Furlough

All in the Sprague family are the relatives of James Martin, who recently spent a furlough in North Adams.

He is the son of Charles of Beaver St., and of Gertrude of Brown St. His wife, Dorothy, works in the Sample Department at Beaver, his sister Frances is in the Payroll Dept., Beaver. Seaman Martin is stationed at Camp Scott, Farragut, Idaho.

Pictures & News Of Sprague Workers In Service



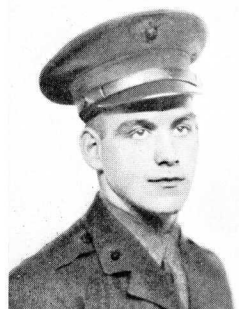
Reno Maselli, stationed in California, is the son of Alice, of Western Electric.



Seaman James W. Martin.



Wm. L. Foote, stationed at Camp LeJeune, N. C.



Pfc. Edw. Foote, is Drill Instructor at Parris Island, S. C. He was formerly in Mica Molding.



Pfc. Daniel Mahoney, now stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He was a former skating champion in the Berkshires.



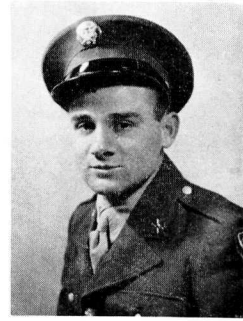
Pfc. Robert Shaw at Camp Bowie, Tex., formerly in Boxing, recently released from the hospital, would appreciate letters from his former co-workers.



Pvt. Carl L. Vanuni is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.



Pvt. Walter J. Osborne, formerly of Gas Mask Department, is now serving overseas.



Capt. Vincent Matranga stationed in the Anti-Aircraft Coast Artillery, Philadelphia.

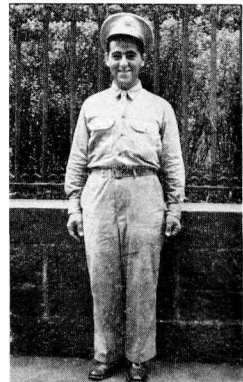


Norman Roy stationed at Marianna, Florida.

S2-c Ronald T. Burnett was home on a ten day furlough recently. He visited the Sprague Specialties Company and saw many of his former co-workers of the Maintenance Department. His wife is Edna Mae Burnett of Industrial Oils.

Pfc. Roger Vincelette has been transferred again! This time, he was transferred to Colorado Springs, and expects to be home about the first of December. This is the seventh transfer in six months. You certainly get around, Rog!

Word has been received from Lloyd King, formerly of Dry Rolling Department, that he has been promoted to aviation machinist's mate, second class. Lloyd has three brothers also in the service, Tech. Sgt. Clifford, Pfc. Marshall and Pvt. Vernon, all of whom worked at Sprague's.



Pvt. Michael P. Sarkis, in the Maneuver Area at Elkin, W. Va.

BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

The girls from Mica Finishing wish to know to whom the two "Brown Street Briefs" belong, which hang on the clothesline in the Log's Brown Street column.

Mrs. Rita Sharron of Networks, informs us that her husband, William in U. S. Army, is now stationed at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

Ask Gladys Foster about the "man in the toque" who pecked into her window the other evening.

Agnes Fleming, Emma Mutart and Evelyn Gooch of the Mica Department, and Florence Lecuyer of Beaver Plant, spent the week end in New York.

Doris Fisk of the Brown Street Payroll office spent the week end of November 13th in New York. We understand she had a swell time.

A masquerade party was held at the home of Eleanor Rhodes of the Mica Department. Twenty guests were present, and prizes were awarded for the costumes. Mrs. Jessie Thoros received a prize for the funniest; Toni Lavigne for the prettiest. Piano selections played by Lucy Abusi of Resistors were enjoyed, as were the impersonations by Mary Marra and the dancing of Florence Moreau dressed in a native Hawaiian costume. A delicious lunch, appropriate to the occasion, was enjoyed.

Buzz, Buzz — you're kidding! You mean Laddie Miranti has taken up crocheting! What is the answer, Laddie? Is there something you want to tell us?

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Favorites of the Mica Department

People Will Say We're in Love — Mickey & Eleanor V.
You'll Never Know—Jack Sullivan
Pistol Packin' Mama—Flo Stein
I Heard You Cry Last Night—

—Virginia Brown
My Heart Tells Me—Mike Pierce
Paper Doll—Mary Talarico
You're Either Too Young or Too Old
—Peter Mancuso
Sunday, Monday and Always
—Marie Paonessa

Mrs. Harry Gagner of Mica Dept. spent a two weeks' vacation with her husband, Henry, Hosp. Apprentice, 1st class, who is stationed at Parris Island, S. C.

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Resistor News

Marianna Hanafin is spending a few weeks' vacation with her husband at Camp Croft, S. C.

Della Keating is spending a month with her husband who is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

Helen Young and Eleanor Carlow spent the week end in New York City.

How about the contagious laughter of a certain young lady in the Resistors. Does she like to hear a funny story!

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Have You Heard

The Resistors Sample Dept. has a songbird among them?

That there is a little strawberry blond whom a certain dark and handsome boy hovers around on every available opportunity?

That the Mica Sample attracts a certain someone from the Industrial Oil department?

June Alderman is spending a few days at home visiting with her husband who is on furlough.

Amy Bazinet has returned to work after visiting her son stationed at Camp Endicott, R. I.

Ella Landry has returned after a trip to New York where she visited her husband.

Hazel O'Neil has been spending a few days with her son stationed at Camp Patrick Henry in Virginia.

Mable Rhodes has returned from a trip to New York, where she visited her husband.

Helen Jobin has returned to work after a brief vacation spent with her husband, home on furlough.

Janet Norcross is with us again—or is she? She was seeing her boy friend, home on furlough.

Welcome back to Dorris Little. Hope you are feeling fine!

Mrs. Andrea Bowen of Mica, lecturer-elect of the North Adams Grange, has been chosen to attend the Lecturers' Conference in Worcester on December 10th.

Mr. George Daub of K.V.A. Cover Assembly, has been called to the service of Uncle Sam. He will leave December 7th.

Agnes Busby of K.V.A. had a grand time in Washington and Virginia for the past two weeks.

Did you know that Miss Roselyn Joan Charbonneau and Miss Eleanor Muriel Lally of the Mica Dept. spent a pleasant week end in New York City. How about it, girls?

Miss Dorothy Harvey of Industrial Oils entertained recently at a party in honor of Norman Remillard of the Beaver Street plant, who is a friend of the gang. A purse of money was presented Mr. Remillard.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Helen Corsi, of Gas Mask, her sister Rose, of Beaver St. and Betty Koloc of Brown St., spent five days in New York City. The girls stayed at the Hotel Taft and saw several shows including the Ice Follies. They especially enjoyed Danny Kaye of "Let's Face It." But shows were not all that the girls enjoyed. There was the Havana Night Club, the Zoo at Central Park, where the sea lions kept flirting with Helen. Also the chimpanzee gave the girls a fine welcome, we hear! Glad you had such a good time, girls!

Stanley Richardson requests that we put Ralph J. Lesure's address in the Log. Here it is!

Ralph J. Lesure A.S.
Co. 540 Unit G-20
U.S.N.T.S. Sampson, N. Y.

Marge McConnell is back at her work again. Glad to welcome you back, Marge!

Rita Foote reports that her husband, William, is stationed at Camp LeJeune, New River, N. C., with the U.S.M.C. Bill formerly was employed at the Beaver Street plant for seven years, before his enlistment in November, 1942.

Beaver Street Bits

James Mancuso, Earl Scarbo, Pete Law, Al Bergeron and Harry Carpenter attended the Holy Cross-Temple football game recently.

Ann Burgess recently visited her sister in New York.

Pearl Dubreuil spent her vacation visiting in Springfield, Mass.

Mary and Dotty Moore of Western Electric spent a week end visiting in New York.

Janette Archambault of Dry Test spent her vacation moving into a new home purchased at the Halls Grounds.

It was rumored that John Pierce was kept busy signing autographs the morning after his radio debut. Bill Mendell was better prepared. He had his autographs made up in advance.

Rose Corsi of Paper Assembly is spending a week's vacation in New York.

Isabelle Jones of Western Electric is spending two weeks with her brother in Richmond, Va.

Arthur Mollere of Dry Rolling has been promoted from private first class to Corporal. He is a member of Company M of Adams.

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Bathtub Assembly News

Claire Mancine is again at work after a leave of absence. She visited her sister who is at Tyler, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Dupuis have returned from visiting their son stationed with the U. S. Coast Guard at New York.

Emma Reardon spent the week end in Schenectady, N. Y.

Merida Baldassarini spent the week end in Albany, N. Y.

Jean McLagan, Rachael Filiault and Esther Puplaski spent the week end in Albany, N. Y.

Muriel Elias spent the week end in Pittsfield.

Mrs. Hazel Camadine visited her husband who is stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va. Hazel formerly worked in B.T.A.

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Machine Shop News

Peter Cardillo, a volunteer in the Navy, reports for duty November 22nd. Good luck, Pete.

Hank Koloc is not concerned over a meat shortage this winter. Neither is he worried over priorities, and certainly he can thumb his nose at present Government agitation of Subsidies and Rollbacks, for isn't he raising his own meat this winter? He is fattening a fine looking porker for his winter supply. How about inviting the boys to a real barbecue, Hank?

After hearing Edgar Renillard's fine voice on the Log Program, the boys of the Machine Shop now call him "Frank Sinatra" and are doing their best to contract for a national hook-up for him.

Mr. T. J. Rondeau and Mr. Frank Chase were in Springfield recently on business.

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Payroll Department

by Priscilla Windover

Most Appropriate Nickname of the Week: "Juliette" Ruth Brown. It seems that all the Romeos who visit the office go for Ruth in a big way! Reporter's "boner". Ruth Abbott is in South Carolina, not Florida, as previously reported by your reporter, who humbly begs your pardon.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gregalis! Janet Tuller of the Payroll department recently became Mrs. Frank Gregalis. Frank is employed in the Sample Lab.

And did you notice all that commotion over there, when Janet announced her marriage? Well, that was Charles B. Fairchild, kissing the bride in the approved fashion. Was the Engineering Department green with envy!

We all know that Marion Senecal did not write the words to the song, "I'm Saving Myself for Bill" but then's her sentiments.

We're glad to have Betty Alderman of the Brown Street office working with us,—and a redhead at that!

Boxing and Dry Rolling News

by Mamie Farinon

Guess Who? From the Dry Rolling—the girl that never smiles.

Margaret Allen of Boxing was pleasantly surprised at a house warming given her recently by a number of her friends. They presented her with gifts for her new home which is situated on Walden School Road.

Who is the person in Boxing who goes around sporting lipstick on his forehead? And the blonde girl who is always teasing Tweedle to dance with her during the noon hour?

Rita Girardi and Mary Cozzaglio of Dry Test spent a week end in Dalton. They were the guests of Mrs. Tristine.

During lunch hour in the Boxing Department, we find Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire going through their daily dance routine. Nice going, Doris and Danny.

Doris Dominick of Boxing was asked by her co-workers if she could see a certain pinhole. Taking off her glasses, she squinted at it and said "no."

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Eleanor McClay and husband spent a week end in New York City.

After a FEW more "warming-up" sessions, we hope to accept Sprague Products' challenge for a bowling match. And then, watch out, Sprague Products, we have a left-handed and a twister and...well, you'll find out!

If Mary Zona doesn't finish her sweater by Christmas we're planning a knitting bee to finish it for her.

With the coming of snow, we've found that many are planning on knitting Christmas presents; but will they fit?

Paging GERALDINE TRABOLD—"Welcome" from all of us.

The Credit Union Department was in a "Blue Mood" while Isabel Mulvaney was out, but it's in the "Pink" again now that Isabel's back.

Phillip Barbeau of Block Test recently attended the Army-Notre Dame game in New York City.

William Beliveau of Block Test has passed his medical examination at Springfield and is slated for the Army. He leaves December 7th. Good luck, Bill, from your co-workers.

Josephine DePaoli of Block Test is welcomed back to work again by her Department.



A son, Ernest, to Lt. and Mrs. Ernest Kemp, on November 16. Mrs. Kemp was the former Eleanor Ogert.

A daughter, Barbara Jean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Rousseau on October 2, 1943. "Brooksie" works in Dry Test. Congratulations, Pop.

November 21, 1943, a son—to Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert. The mother is Mary of Paper Assembly.



Margaret Sheehan, of the Networks Laboratory became the bride of Corp. Alfred Descoteau on November 20th.

Margaret King of K.V.A. was married! November 20th to Jas. Kernahan of Adams.

On November 13, 1943, Eileen Whipple of Paper Rolling was married to Mr. Thomas Quirk.

Thanksgiving Day was the wedding day of Betty Grocka of Boxing and Mr. George Samia.

In St. Stanislaus Church in Adams on November 20, 1943, Jean Rys of K.V.A. was married to Mr. Adolf Kaczowski.



Mr. James Shea and his bride, the former Miss Olive Bourgeois. She is in the Dry Formation Department.



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wm. Pinsonnault. Mrs. Pinsonnault was the former Eda Anna Rechia, Inspector at Brown Street.



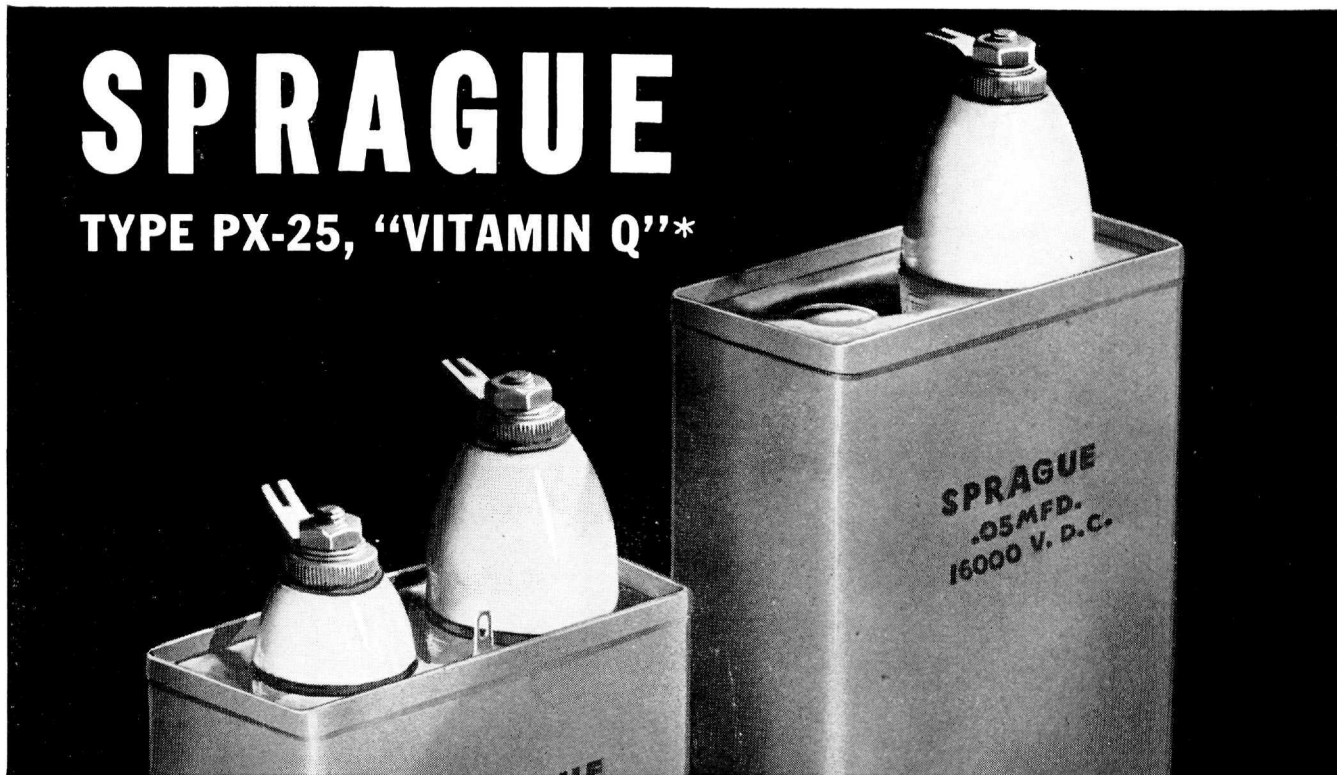
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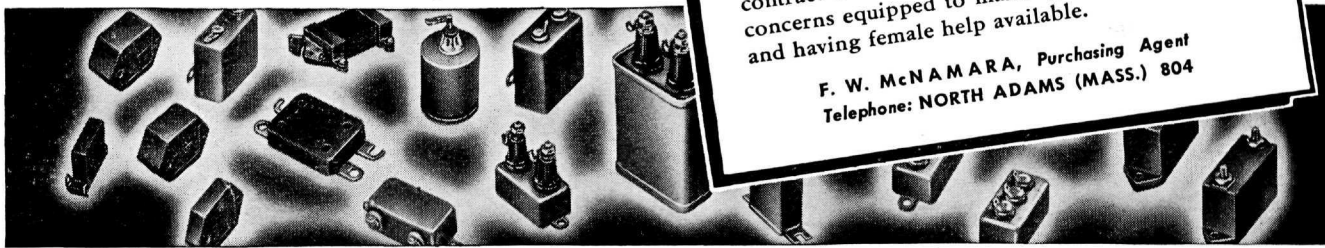
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